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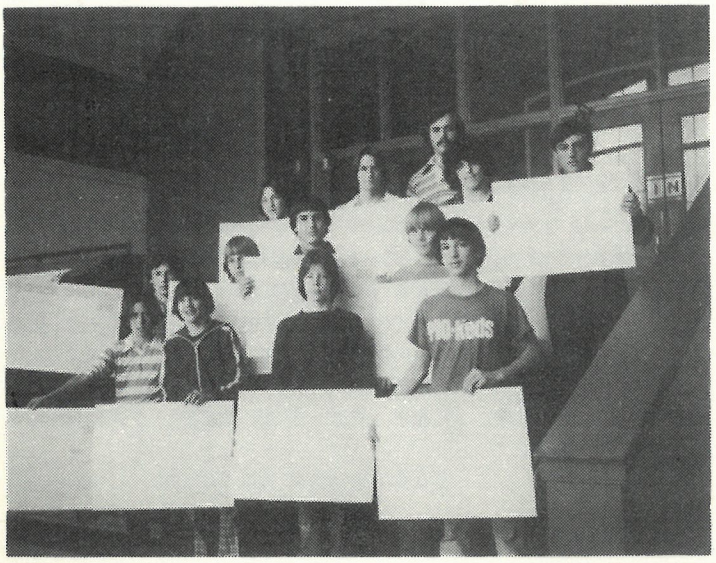

Pictured here are 1st place finishers in the intramural wrestling tourney. 1st row, Dan McInnis, Ken Dietz, Dann Lammers, Jim Rice; 2nd row, Jim Bare, Mike Brugh, Jon Duell, Ron Vanderwall; 3rd row, Tim Thomas Fred Allen, Mike Coskey, Jeff Fadel; Mr. Kannegieter.

SPRING PLAY MAY 26

Rehearsal is under way for the spring play, Saving the Old Homestead, a musical melodrama directed by Ms. Lundquist and Mrs. Herm. Scheduled to open May 26, the play will take place in conjunction with the Fine Arts Festival.

The cast , selected March 31, includes the following people: Tom Smith as Murdock, Chris Koziol as Caroline, Rick Bradford as William, Mike Coskey as Clarence, Carl Erickson as J. M. True, Melanie Conolly as Pansy, Chris Willsea as Martha, Sue Barnes as Sam, Darrell Sager as Jimmy, and Tammy Flowers as Master of Ceremonies. Extras are Shawn Thompson and Tara Moore. Card girls are Marion Stamp, Missy Kinter, Shelly Larsen and Tara Moore.

by C.B. & M.B.

SKATING SUCCESS

A roller skating party was held March 24 at the Oshtemo Rollertorium . About 75 6,7, and8th graders were there.

S.R.

New Teacher, Mrs. Herm

The new teacher for music is Mrs. Herm. She lives in Kalamazoo and came from Grand Rapids. She graduated from Western Michigan University. Her favorite subject is dancing. She says she really likes teaching in our school. The instruments she likes are pianos and guitar She enjoys all kinds of music but especially likes Blue Grass.

Her favorite song is "Ever Green"
favorite female singer- Joni Mitchell
favorite male singer- Barry Manilow
favorite food- ice cream
favorite sport- swimming
favorite color- green and orange
favorite animal- horse
zodiac sign - Virgo

In the assembly this week she will directing the students in singing songs of the Fifties.

by Debbie Terrell

Taurus - take note

This is the month of Taurus, the sign ofthe Bull. It runs from April 21-May 22. Taureans are very muscular, and may have superhuman endurance. Many are acrobats. They are patient and calm but can become very angry. They are suited for executive positions. They are conservative financiers. Unless understood, they develop inferiority complexes. They can be loyal and trusting friends. They get along best with Virgo and Capricorn.

by D.Z.

Student Council News by Skott

The next school dance will probably be April 29th. The 8th grade dance has not yet been voted on but there will be an 8th grade committeeewokking on it after the all-school dance.

We have money left from this year and if you have any ideas about what to do with it please bring it to student council.

The Wappaw Jr. will be coming in about three weeks.

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Kyle & Shawn's Corner

Guess what readers? We're thinking of some changes in the paper next year. What are your feelings about subscribing for a full year's worth of Good Times? We'd like to know. Suggestions are welcome. Another thing there will be a chance for anyone and everyone to join us on the newspaper staff, although you can join us now really. With your help, we can bring you more drawings for prizes, more puzzles, more mysteries more opinion polls, and current events. So what we're really trying to say is that we're making an attempt to make reading for you.

by Kyle

After this cold cold winter, some legislators have suggested that we ought to reorganize the school year. They suggest skipping January and December beaause those are the months that use the most heat. That way though school would have to start earlier in August and run through June or maybe July. My opinion si that I wouldn't like it because of the way it cuts into the summer. Besides, that, if the buildings were better insulated we could save a lot of heat.

by Kyle

Mrs. Chapman Leaves

Mrs. Chapman, the student teacher in phys.ed. and health, graduated last week and finished her student teaching. She will be moving to Maryland. She has enjoyed her student teaching here at Paw Paw and feels that she has had a very good experience here.

Her favorite color is light green. Her favorite animal is her dog, Ranger. Her favorite food is pizza and she likes all different kinds of music.

by N. R.

Question: What time of day is spelled the same forward and backward?
Answer: Noon

Letters! (to the editor & to the advisor.)

Dear Editors,

I think we ought to do something about the hot lunches. (they call them lunches) This school serves! They ought to realize that if they had better lucnhes we might eat it instead of throwing it all away.

Sincerely,
C.D.

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I am rather upset because you didn't have any kind of an article about the band festival. The 8th grade band went the 1st week-end in March. They all work hard on a good rating and we got a reward for fine achievements. For the rest of the paper, it was good and I'm sure you work hard on it.

Concerned Citizen

Dear C.C.,

We are very sorry about the 8th grade festival. But the Good Times has to send the paper in a week before the selling date, and by the time the newspaper got back, the festival was over. Please accept my apology.

Dear Good Times Advisor,

I can't help myself! I'm in love with a substitute teacher. I won't mention any names because it would be too embarrassing. I can't help it, but every time he wiggles his mustaches I go ga-ga! Please advise. I'm heart-sick. Signed-
Wonderfully in love with Wiggles

Dear Wiggles,

I would suggest that you tell this teacher that you admire him. But go no further than that. If you tell him you love him, you will be in for a let down and perhaps some embarrassment. Good luck.

More from K & S. . .

Dear Readers, I am sorry to say that our lunchtime behavior is not so hot. As a matter of fact, according to some teachers, it's terrible. Also some disputing, almost to the point of physical combat has been happening, especially on rainy days when we are inside. I can understand how we can ge a little rowdy but not as much as it has been. This has got to change. You can help. Comments welcome- room 103. by Kyle & Shawn

Student Council continued

Also the behavior of this dance will decide on a lot of different school activities. One reminder about the dance; please wear clean socks!

by S.B.

8th gr. tours High School

The 8th grade went to the high school, Wednesday and Thursday April 13 and 14. They were given information on class requirements and credits needed to graduate. We're all looking forward to the 9th grade.

by C.W.

CANDY JOKE. . . with a moral

One day Mr. Goodbar went to pick up his sister Mrs. Hershey at the airport on 5th Avenue by the Power House. To his surprise she had brought his niece Baby Ruth. When he met her, she said "My husband told me to stay with you for his old army friend Chunky. Ichose you of course, even though you are a Butter finger. As the week went on, she get a craving for Mounds and Almond Joy. She could not wait for Pay Day to buy more candy bars. She borrowed a lot of money from Mr. Goodbar. When she left he remarked "It would be cheaper to buy 4 $100,000 bars than the 412 Mounds, 312 almond joys...

The moral- it is better to shay with a chunky than to become one yourself.

CHUCKLES and so forth

Q.What do you get when you cross a blackbird with a mad dog?

A? a raven maniac!

Q. What kind of fruit does a history teacher like?

A. dates

Q. What is the longest word in the English language?

A. smiles- because there's a mile between the first and last letters.

Q. If two's company, three's a crowd, what are four, five and six?

A. fifteen

Q. If you gave Susan two pennies, Becky two pennies, and John two pennies, and yourself four pennies, what time would it be?

A. 10 to 4

Field trips - 8th grade

The 8th grade has been travelling a lot lately. On their field trip to KVCC, they saw two movies about Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Also they were given an interesting tour of all of KVCC.

For the field trip to the skills center they were first given a brief and interesting talk. Then they were given a complete tour.

All in all they were informative field trips.

by M.M.

METRICS COMING SOON

The metric system is based on the meter. The meter is 39.11 inches long. Based on base ten, it is easy to work with. It systemizes all measurement by using similar units.

The other measurement is a gram, which is equal to one cubic centimeter of water at its maximum density. A liter is equal to 1000 cubic deciliters. A deciliter is one-tenth of a liter.

The various decreasements are milli (one thousandth), centi (one hundredth)and deci (one tenth). The increasements are kilo (1000 times), decta (100 times) and deka (ten times).

by M.M.

We polled several teachers and students on their reactions to the metric system. The teachers involved with presenting the system explain what they will be doing.

Mr. Snyder: The metric system will be here maybe in ten years. I'm presenting it through a lab approach, by discussing lengt volume, mass, the decimal system, and multiplying by moving the decimal."

Mr. Barnes:" Themetric system is very important. It should become effectiveinf four years. I've taught students to memorize the system and not to convert."

Mr. Lutz: "I think the metric system is most important and will be in effect a few years."

Mr. Zolp:" The metric system is very important because it will be making it easier for trading. It will make math simpler. I haven't presented it yet this year. "(Mr. Zolp has been here only a short time.)

Mrs. Dykema:" It will make things a lot easier for us to trade with other countries. It's easier to change from one unit to

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Metric Opinions

another. She expects metrics to be widely usedin about 8 years."

Mrs. Cusomano: "I have introduced metrics this year to the 6th graders." The conversion idea she avoids also as does Mr. Barnes.

Student opinions vary.

Lisa Barnes : " I'm opposed to it. They'd have to change everything and it would confuse me. "

Lorrie McEndarfer:" I dislike it because the older people aren't going to school and it would be harder for them to learn."

Mary Schauer : "It would get you mixed up and you would have to adjust again; I already got used to our system."

Monica Barker:" I don't like it because it's too complicated. Why not leave our number system the way it is? "

Becky Woodhams:" I don't like it because I don't understand."

Carol Dundon:"I don't like it because it is too complicated."

Skott Brill: " I think it's a good idea. Everybody doesn't like it because they think it is hard."

Kevin Bertermann:"I like it because you don't have so many things to learn."

Shawn Jurgenson :"I like it because it'sshorter."

Brian Rosema:" I don't like it because we've been in the other system too long."

Dawn Brown:" I don't like it because I'm used to our number system. But everybody says it's easier so I don't know."

Carol Boley: "I like it in a way."

Summing up the discussion, Mr. Topp says " the U.S. is the only major country in the world that is not on the metric system. It is actually a simpler system than ours and once everyone is acquainted with the metric system it will be much easier to work with."

What doyou think?

by C.B.,S.T., and D.T.

APRIL FOOLS - HERE

April Fool's Day everyone was fooled, except April. Everyone had a good time. Even the teachers were fooled. In one class students put a bat on a teacher's chair and she thought it was real. It was a funny day. Almost everyone was joking and wearing crazy combinations.

by D.T.

MANY APOLOGIES

Dear Mr. Erickson,

I am very sorry if I have offended you in any possible way by misquoting you in the Marchllth edition. (Kyle interviewed Mr. Erickson about his coaching duties.) Believe me, it was not intentional. I take full responsibility for the error. It was not the fault of the typist who will remain unnamed. I hope that there are no hard feelings regarding this mistake and I assure you it will never happen again. By the way, don't flunk me; that's the absolute last thing I need.

Readers, if I or anyone ofthe Good Timers make a mistakes in any article, please tell us about it.

by K.Caldwell

Volleyball Tourney Results

The volleyball tournament eneded with the following results. Scotty's Savages won 2 out of 3 games in the finals over Hoger's Heroes to claim the championship. The Savages consisted of Kevin Scotese, Mark Preston, Rick Counterman, Brian Rosema and Rick Klingel.

by Mr. Kannegieter

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